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Jorge Friere Gonzales, Cuban attache in The Philippines, resigned and sought political asylum after he was ordered back to Havana. He said the Cuban Embassy in Manila is a "center of pro-communist and subversive propaganda." Exile leaders have appealed to the Soviet Union to urge Fidel Castro to halt firing squad executions in Cuba. In a telegram to UN Delegate Andrei Gromyko exiles explained they were seeking Russian intervention on grounds it is Castro's friend and protector and furnished him the arms and ammunition for the executions. Exile leaders say Castro plans to try and execute Pigs Bay invasion leader Manuel Artime on grounds he deserted from the Cuban army. Underground sources say Capt. Artime has been separated from the other 1100 invaders-prisoners.